

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2003-254-E and 2005-180-E - ORDER NO. 2005-360

JULY 7, 2005

IN RE: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company	)	ORDER GRANTING
	)	MOTION FOR
Complainant,	)	CONSOLIDATION OF
	)	DOCKETS
vs.	)	
	)	
Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission) on the Motion of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) to consolidate Docket No. 2003-254-E and Docket No. 2005-180-E presently pending before the Commission.

On August 27, 2004, SCE&G filed a complaint with the Commission alleging that Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Aiken Co-op) had violated Commission Regulation R. 103-304(1). The Commission established Docket No. 2003-254-E to address the complaint. At present, Docket No. 2003-254-E has not been settled and remains pending before this Commission. On June 9, 2005, SCE&G filed another complaint with the Commission alleging another violation of Commission Regulation R. 103-304(1) by Aiken Co-op. Docket No. 2005-180-E was established by the Commission to address this complaint.

With its June 9, 2005 complaint filing, SCE&G also filed a Motion to Consolidate. SCE&G asserts in its Motion that Aiken Co-op's actions described in the June 9, 2005 complaint are the same type of willful violation of R. 103-304(1) that formed SCE&G's prior complaint against Aiken Co-op filed in Docket No. 2003-254-E. By its Motion, SCE&G seeks to consolidate the two complaint dockets and requests that the Commission schedule both matters for hearing at the earliest date possible.

The Commission finds the Motion to Consolidate of SCE&G reasonable and finds that judicial economy would be served by the consolidation of the two present dockets, and therefore grants the Motion to Consolidate.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Motion to Consolidate Docket No. 2003-254-E and Docket No. 2005-180-E is hereby granted.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/  
Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/  
G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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